

WOMAN AIDS BANDIT WHO KILLS OFFICER

CHICAGO MISCREANT ROBS BUSY OFFICE OF \$900 AND ESCAPES.

CROWDS SHIELD COMPANION

Thomas Cook & Son Employees Have Busy Time With Robber Who Backs Them Into Vault and Gets Away With Money.

Chicago.—A bandit, accompanied by a woman, entered the tourist agency of Thomas A. Cook & Son, on one of the busiest downtown streets, held up and wounded the cashier, killed a policeman and escaped with \$900.

The woman did not participate in the actual robbery. She ordered a taxicab through the doorman of a downtown hotel, and John McCabe, driver for a big taxicab company, responded. The woman instructed him to drive to 15 East Jackson street, the Cook office. There she waited without alighting.

Meanwhile the robber had entered the office. The cashier, Ernest I. Walsh, attempted to reach a revolver, but was shot and severely injured and then backed into a vault, with four other employees.

B. A. Johnson, a traffic policeman, was attracted to the scene, but found that the bandit had locked the door after entering. Johnson was trying to force an entrance when the robber suddenly threw the door open and fired a bullet into the officer's head.

The woman escaped in the crowds of shoppers.

YUAN POSTPONES CEREMONY

Date for His Accession to the Throne of China Is Continued Indefinitely.

Peking, China.—The coronation of Yuan Shi Kai as emperor of China has been postponed indefinitely. The reason given is the uprising in Southern China.

The foreign office notified the various legations that the Chinese government had decided that the enthronement would take place early in February, but that Yuan Shi Kai had issued an order cancelling the arrangements, in view of the disturbances in Yunnan province. No intimation was given when the enthronement will take place.

Government officials estimate that not more than six months will be required to quiet the disturbances in the south.

GARRISON MAY QUIT HIS JOB

Said to Be in Poor Health and Is Disappointed Over Opposition to Army Plan.

Washington, D. C.—Rumors were thick in Washington to the effect that Secretary of War Garrison is preparing to resign. Ill health and the apparent failure of his continental army plan in congress are given as reasons. Persons close to the secretary rid the rumors.

"He's too good a sport to quit because he thought the fight was going against him," one war department official said. "And as for his health, he wouldn't quit for that, unless ordered by his doctor."

Secretary Garrison has been suffering from grip and stomach trouble and the combination has left him weak.

Locomotive Earnings Increase.

New York.—The half yearly statement of the American Locomotive Co. shows an increase in gross earnings of \$9,039,630 for the last six months. The company has unfilled orders amounting to \$52,240,000.

Texas Suffragists Organize.

Houston, Texas.—The Texas branch of the Congressional Union for Woman's Suffrage was organized here at a gathering of prominent Texas women. Mrs. Masterson of Houston was elected president.

Vienna Denies Sinking of Persia.

Vienna.—The government has informed Frederick C. Penfield, the United States ambassador, that no Austro-Hungarian submarine was concerned in the sinking of the Peninsular and Oriental line steamer Persia.

Man Aged 113 Dies.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Julius Levy, said to have been 113 years old, is dead at his home. He never required glasses and until last October had never been ill.

Ship Yards to Be Reopened.

Bath, Me.—The local shipyards of Arthur Sewall & Co., which have been idle for ten years, have been leased to the Texas Co. for five years. It is said two oil tank steamers will be built.

Illinois Canner Sued.

Chicago.—Breach of promise is charged against J. R. Cuykendall, owner of a canning factory at Hoopston, Ill., in the declaration of a suit for \$30,000 damages filed in the circuit court by Miss Helen Lochelle.

Exports to Vladivostok Grow.

Seattle, Wash.—A report compiled by the harbor master and just made public, shows that Seattle's export trade to Vladivostok in 1915 was \$9,312,853, compared with \$152,221 in 1914.

Udlike Brothers Are Indicted.

Chicago.—Three indictments charging Irving and Herbert Udlike with conspiracy to murder their father, Furman Udlike, their mother and sister, were returned in the criminal court.

GAS ATTACK SEEN FROM AEROPLANE



This remarkable picture, taken by a Russian airman, illustrates the start of a gas attack in the eastern war zone, the poisoned cloud rolling before a westerly wind towards the Russian lines after being released from the gas cylinders operated by the Germans in the center of the picture. On the right are three lines of German troops awaiting the moment to advance, their lengthening shadows showing that the sun is nearly setting.

POPE TO HOLD CONSISTORY EMBARGO ON WOOD PULP

CONVOCACTION TO TAKE PLACE IN MARCH.

Belief Is That Pontiff Summons Cardinals to Get Additional Peace Data.

Rome, Italy.—The utmost importance was attached to the Vatican announcement that the pope will hold another consistory early in March. It is understood the cardinals will be summoned into conclave as another step in the pontiff's program for an early peace.

Ostensibly, the consistory has been called in order that Pope Benedict may impose the red hat upon Mgr. Scapanelli, Papal Nuncio at Vienna, and Mgr. Fruhwirth, Nuncio at Munich, who were created cardinals in December, but who did not come to Rome.

In reality, diplomats believe the pope wants to inform himself of the precise conditions and possibilities of peace in Vienna and the feeling in the kingdom of Bavaria.

The visits of the Austrian and Bavarian plenipotentiaries to Rome will follow closely the pontiff's audiences with Cardinal Hartmann of Cologne and Cardinal Mercier of Belgium, who are reported to have delivered unofficial peace messages to his holiness.

Diplomats of the allies here view with open concern the arrival of the two new cardinals, who will relinquish their posts and take up permanent residence in Rome as curia cardinals. They will become the pontiff's closest advisers and furthermore will give the Austro-German cardinals numerical superiority at the Vatican.

DEATH TO AMERICANS IS CRY

Washington.—Death to Americans in Mexico and destruction of their property, as well as war to a finish against Carranza was determined upon, it became known here at a formal convention of Mexican revolutionary leaders held in November at a ranch near Cordoba. Present and joining in the agreement are said to have been representatives of Villa, Zapata, Arango, Higinio Aguilar, the Cedillo brothers, and many lesser chieftains.

Message reports of this gathering came to the state department long ago, but they were not made public and few people in Washington knew that there was a general conspiracy against Americans or even that the various rebel factions in the field in Mexico had effected any kind of an agreement for concerted activities against the de facto government.

Finishes Race in Dog's Place.

Anchorage, Alaska.—Taking the leader's place in the harness when Big Gray Hound collapsed, Frank Dixon dragged his dog team three blocks to the finish line and won a \$4-mile dog sled race from Anchorage to Old Knit and return. His time was 8 hours and 14 minutes.

Postmaster Nomination Rejected.

Washington.—The nomination of W. M. McCarroll as postmaster at Walnut Ridge, Ark., was rejected by the senate. He was opposed by Senator Clarke.

Opium Makers Blamed for Revolts.

Washington.—China's poppy growers, whose business soon will be wiped out, are responsible for the recent outbreaks, according to Wang Shih Young, editor of the Shanghai Shin Wen.

Explorers to Colombia.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Seventeen oil explorers start from here next Tuesday for Colombia, South America, to explore in the interior of that country, which is said to be the richest in oil in the world.

Floods Continue in Holland.

London.—Dispatches from Amsterdam state that the danger continues to grow in the flooded districts of the province of North Holland. Additional collapses of important dikes are reported.

Fire Damages Big English Plant.

London.—The Ellenor Mills at Rochdale, the largest cotton spinning mills in Lancashire, have been partly destroyed by fire, caused by an overheated bearing. The damage was estimated at \$500,000.

SWEDEN TAKES STEPS AS REPRISAL FOR BLOCKADE.

Action Following Seizure of Food Ship, Heavy Blow at British Newspapers.

London, Eng.—Sweden seems determined to set the pace for neutrals in regard to reprisals, for with the holding up by the British of the liner Stockholm from New York and the seizure of 1,600 tons of her cargo which is still being unloaded, Sweden has prohibited the export of wood pulp, whether wet or dry.

This will affect the British paper industry seriously, as it is estimated nine-tenths of the pulp used here is imported from Sweden. While some concerns have a large stock, a continuance of the embargo would create future embarrassment, it is said.

"The action of Sweden," says the Westminster Gazette, "is a reminder to those who have been urging a complete blockade of neutrals that these powers have power of retaliation which may be even more inconvenient to us than the loss of our supplies of paper."

Many provincial newspapers have been forced to discontinue publication in recent months.

According to Lloyds, who are the greatest paper manufacturers in the country, there is only sufficient pulp in the country to meet normal requirements until March 1.

ITALY EXPECTED EASY WAR

Difficulties Arising That Had Not Been Foreseen, But Perseverance Will Win.

Florence, Italy.—In an address here Antonio Salandra, the Italian premier, said:

"We thought this would be a short and easy war, but it has become a long and a hard one. We thought that all the hardships would be of a military character, but we find it difficult even behind the front to keep on fighting. However, we are going to do it, and we shall persevere until victory is won."

CONVICTS RESISTING ARREST

Arkansas Felons Who Escaped Line Up to Do Battle With Pursuing Officers.

Moscow, Ark.—The 54 convicts who escaped from the state penitentiary, are said to have been found barricaded in the hills nearby, heavily armed with guns and ammunition stolen from a gun store.

Vienna Sums Up Teuton Booty.

London.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Central News says that the total booty of the Teutonic allies during 17 months of war is summed up in Vienna as follows: "Nearly 3,000,000 prisoners, 10,000 guns, 40,000 machine guns, while 470,000 square kilometers of enemy territory has been occupied."

South Carolina Defeats Suffrage.

Columbia, S. C.—A resolution calling for the submission of a woman's suffrage constitutional amendment in the South Carolina general assembly was defeated by a vote of 61 to 51 in the lower house.

Mother Hangs Three.

Lyons, N. Y.—Mrs. Edward Payne, 26 years old, hanged her 4-year-old daughter, her 2-year-old son and herself with three separate pieces of clothesline attached to a hook in the ceiling of the family home in Alloway.

Laboratory Cat Gobbles Mice.

Albany, N. Y.—Tabitha, the capitol cat, gobbled down six white state laboratory rats, containing several million pneumonia germs. The cat may die, but the bacteriologists won't forgive her at that.

Customs Revenues Drop.

Washington.—Customs revenues dropped from \$283,700,000 in 1914 to \$205,800,000 in 1915, or approximately 27½ per cent, according to a statement by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

GERMAN AIRMEN IN RAID ON ENGLAND

NINE BOMBS DROPPED ON KENTISH COAST AND ONE MAN KILLED.

MONTENEGRINS ARE GIVING UP

Heavy Fighting in Northern France Indicates Renewal of Offensive Movement—Bad Weather Stops Turkish Campaign.

London.—Two German air raids on the coast of England, the capture of Montenegro's two principal seaports by the Austrians and the taking by the Germans of trenches on the French near Arras and in Argonne forest are told of in the latest official communications of London, Vienna and Berlin.

First one German aeroplane, and hours later two German aeroplanes, flew over and dropped nine bombs on the east coast of Kent. One man was killed and two men, one woman and three children were injured.

The aircraft in both instances escaped, although they were fired upon by the British guns and chased by British aviators.

Hampered by Bad Weather.

Vienna reports that the Montenegrians continue to lay down their arms and that in addition 1,500 Serbians have surrendered in the past few days.

Heavy fighting has been in progress in France, a French advanced trench on the road between Arras and Lens having been attacked by a strong detachment of Germans. The infantry attack was preceded by nine explosions, a violent bombardment, and the Germans captured a first-line ditch on a front of several hundred yards, going to the relief of the Kut-El-Amara garrison.

The British are now within seven miles of Kut-El-Amara. The Russians are continuing their advance against the Turks in the Caucasus. Petrograd says the Turks are making a precipitate retreat in the region of Erzerum, and that the Russians are capturing many prisoners and much ammunition.

Turks Admit Sinking Persia.

London.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says:

"According to a Berlin report, the Turkish ministry of marine is about to publish a statement to the effect that a Turkish submarine sunk the steamer Persia."

"The report alleges that similar statements are being published by the German and Austrian admiralties, it being hoped by such a declaration the Persia question will be settled."

Real D. A. R. Dies in Illinois.

Decatur, Ill.—Mrs. Jane McCoy, 55 years old, one of four surviving, real daughters of the American Revolution, is dead at her home in Oakley township, Macon county.

Mrs. Tumulty Operated On.

Washington.—Mrs. Joseph Tumulty, wife of the secretary to the president, was operated on and it was said afterward that her condition was improved.

Ship Rescued H-3 From Mud.

San Diego, Cal.—The submarine H-3, which ran aground on a mud flat, was pulled off by the mother ship, Cheyenne.

\$25,000 to Entertain T. R.

Havana, Cuba.—A bill introduced in congress provides a credit of \$25,000 for the entertainment of Col. Roosevelt during his forthcoming visit to Cuba.

\$70,000 in Drafts Stolen.

Newton, Ia.—Bank drafts with an estimated value of \$70,000 and a small amount of money were in a mail pouch stolen and rifled here after the out-bound mail left the postoffice.

To Try for Dry Rock Island.

Rock Island, Ill.—Petitions were circulated in local churches seeking to get the local option proposition on the ballot at the spring election.

Mercury Drops to 80 Below.

Seattle, Wash.—Richardson, 69 miles from Fairbanks, reported 80 degrees below zero. Other points reported from 4 to 60 degrees below.

Infected Stock Is Doomed.

Taylorville, Ill.—Twenty-four hogs and 16 cattle infected with the foot and mouth disease were discovered on the farm of A. J. Houks, seven miles southeast. The animals were killed.

Support to Cummins Pledged.

Davenport, Ia.—Second Iowa district Republicans at an informal meeting here pledged the support of the district to Senator A. B. Cummins of Iowa for the Republican presidential nomination.

Roosevelt Out of Primary.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Col. Roosevelt in a letter received by A. A. D. Rahn of Minneapolis, asks that his name not be used in the Minnesota primaries.

Burning Well Is "Volcano."

Sinton, Tex.—The burning gas well near here owned by J. M. Guffey of Pittsburg, Pa., and associates, has become a "volcano." The crater has widened to a circumference of 100 feet and around it is piled a cone of mud more than 30 feet high.

SALOONS FEWER; REVENUE GROWS

UNCLE SAM HAS MORE MONEY FROM STATE THAN EVER BEFORE IN HISTORY.

LIQUOR BUSINESS IS FADING

Number of Licenses Issued Shows a Falling Off of 1,500 in Last Year Due to Supreme Court Ruling.

Jefferson City. The year 1916 finds Missouri with fewer retail liquor dealers than has been the case for many years, but there are still 7,299 in the state, chiefly in the larger towns.

This was a falling off in a year of 1,544 "thirst parlor," there having been 8,843 in Missouri at the commencement of 1915.

This is from an information bulletin issued by the office of the state labor commissioner, John T. Fitzpatrick. At the beginning of 1916 there were approximately 12,304 Missouri corporations, companies and firms who paid special taxes to the United States as compared with 12,123 at the commencement of 1915, this increase being due to the additional burden placed on the country by the present European war. Internal revenue receipts from Missouri increased for 1915 to \$14,874,845 from \$13,321,518 for 1914, a gain of \$1,553,327 in 12 months.

The falling off in the numbers of retail liquor dealers was chiefly due to a ruling of the supreme court in early 1915 requiring that clubs which sold liquor to members had to take out state, county and city licenses. Most of such organizations as the Elk, Moose, Eagles, Owls and a few others to escape the decision installed private locker systems, whereby each member has his own supply of refreshments.

Altogether, including rectifiers, wholesalers, retailers and manufacturers of liquors there are now 7,909 in the state, consisting of 78 rectifiers, 174 wholesale dealers in distilled spirits, 6,935 retailers, 43 breweries and 364 retail and 315 wholesale dealers in malt liquors.

Major Will Be a Candidate.

It has been learned that a boom is to be launched within two weeks for Governor Major for vice-president. The action at this time is taken to forestall David R. Francis, who, the governor's friends hear, desires to be the running mate of President Wilson.

The conference at which it was decided to start the campaign was held while a large number of the executive's friends were at the capital attending the military ball. A close friend of the governor who was at the conference said that a number of leading politicians in the state would be sent to Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and other southern states to "feel out" the sentiment on the vice presidential nomination and to attempt to crystallize it for the Missouri governor.

Chorn After Rebaters.

War on rebaters has been declared by Walter K. Chorn, state superintendent of insurance.

He said so many complaints had accumulated in his office that he was going to break up the practice of rebating.

He declared it a violation of the new insurance law of Missouri. One way he can enforce the law is to refuse to license any companies which follow the practice.

The superintendent said that the law is being violated in that many property owners are getting insurance at a rate less than the state rate which they should pay for the class of property they own. Complaints naming violators, are fairly general throughout the state, particularly in the large cities, and that it amounts in effect to a reduction of the lawful rates by some companies.

Republicans to Meet.

A meeting called of the Republican committee of the eighth congressional district has been scheduled for January 31 in Jefferson City.

The object is to fix a date for a convention for the election of two delegates to the national convention at Chicago, June 7. Two alternates also will be chosen.

Senator Ford a Candidate.

J. E. Ford has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for secretary of state. He is serving his second term in the state senate and has been a member of the legislature for ten years.

Roach Formally Announces.

Secretary of State Cornelius Roach has issued his formal announcement as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor. Roach is serving his second term as secretary of state.

Missouri Financiers.

Missouri has 1,462 bankers, 167 stock brokers, 429 commission men, who pay special taxes to the United States government to legalize their transactions. This is a slight gain over the previous year.

Doctors Suspended.

The state board of health has announced that the licenses of three St. Louis physicians had been suspended for 10 years for "unprofessional conduct" and that another had been found guilty and sentence had been suspended during good behavior.

Tobacco Dealers.

In the tobacco business Missouri has 535 licensed manufacturers of cigars, 2 manufacturers of cigarettes, 40 manufacturers of tobacco, 51 dealers in leaf tobacco and 17,338 retail dealers.

Belgian Relief Days Selected.

February 4 and 5 have been set apart in Jefferson City as Belgian relief days and donations will on those days be sought to relieve the distress of the suffering non-combatants. A Belgian is heading the movement.

Writ Holds Up Rail Rate Raise.

Former Congressman M. E. Rhodes of Washington county has obtained a writ of review from Judge John G. State of the Cole County Circuit Court directing the state public service commission to certify to him all the proceedings in the railroad freight and passenger rate cases decided by the commission since February 6. The commission has denied the application of the writ for a rehearing in the rate cases, and ordered the increased passenger and freight rates to go into effect March 1. The new move will put an end to the rate cases for a long time. After the circuit court, which has jurisdiction, has disposed of the matter, an appeal can be taken to the supreme court.

So far as the commission is concerned, freight and passenger rates will not be changed. The old 2-cent passenger fare act and the maximum freight rate law of 1907 will continue in force.

State Deficit Grows Larger.

It is now admitted in official circles in Jefferson City that there will be nearly \$2,500,000 in unpaid appropriations made by the Forty-eighth general assembly at the end of the biennial period of 1915 and 1916.

An official who would not permit the use of his name said that not enough money can be gotten together to pay many of the appropriations made and that they can't be paid.

The legislature which was given an estimate of \$11,500,000 by the state auditor as the total of expected revenues from all sources for the biennial period, appropriated a total of \$16,478,275, or a sum \$4,978,275 in excess of the estimated receipts into the revenue fund.

The total receipts into the revenue from which the governor approved appropriations in the sum of \$14,244,528, during the year 1915, were \$5,355,351. If no more is collected in the coming year than last year the revenue for the period will be about \$10,500,000, or \$700,000 less than the expected revenue. This would boost the state deficit for this year to over \$3,000,000.

The expenditures for the year are \$5,740,578, or \$385,227 more than the amount of revenue.

Counting in \$919,627.40 due the public schools the outstanding debts and obligations of the state on December 31, 1915, were more than \$1,500,000. Of the \$919,627.40, \$334,189.31 was the amount the supreme court ordered the auditor to apportion in addition to the regular school fund, and the balance was the amount to which the schools were entitled of the revenues collected since July 1, 1915.

Before July 1, 1916, the state must raise for the public schools alone to give them what they lost last year, the sum of \$2,274,189.

The new jobs created, increased salaries and the Confederate pensions boosted expenditures nearly \$1,000,000 for 1915 and 1916.

Printing Contract One-Sided.

An alleged discovery of the fact that the board which lets the contract for state printing had made the condition so restricted that two firms are favored above others is the cause of some talk in certain circles.

The board is made up of Secretary of State Roach, State Auditor Gordon and Attorney General Barker.

The publishing firms favored are the E. W. Stephens Printing Co. of Columbia, and the West Publishing Co. of St. Paul, Minn. The Stephens Company has had the contract since 1885.

On November 27 the board rejected all bids as unsatisfactory and ordered the work advertised again.

The bids rejected were those of the Missouri Publishing Co. at Mexico and the Buxton & Skinner Stationery Co. of St. Louis.

The Mexico firm offered to supply the reports for \$1.15 a volume. The St. Louis concern bid \$1.35, while the Stephens Company's lowest bid was \$1.65. The latter concern submitted three separate proposals.

In the new advertisement the bidders are required to submit prices on back numbers of the reports.

The plates for the back numbers since 1885 are held by the Stephens Co. The plates of the reports prior to that date are held by the West Publishing Co. Thus any other firm which might bid for the contract will be required to make terms with the Stephens company for the privilege of using or buying the plates.

Examination of previous contracts and advertisements for contracts reveals that no such condition has been inserted heretofore, and the statute does not require such a provision.

To Succeed Judge Brown.

Fred L. Williams of Joplin, a member of the Missouri supreme court commission has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for judge of division No. 2 of the supreme court to succeed Brown.

To Revise Tax Laws.